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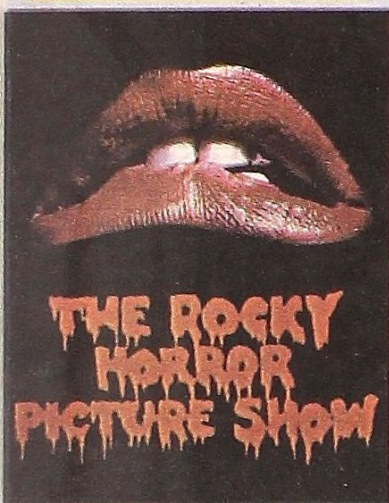
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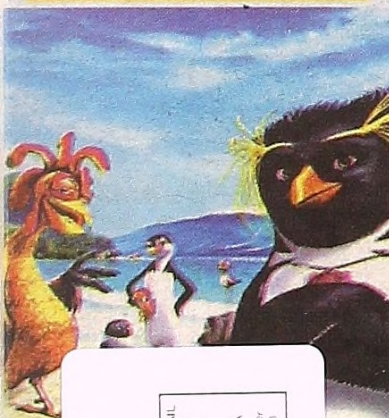
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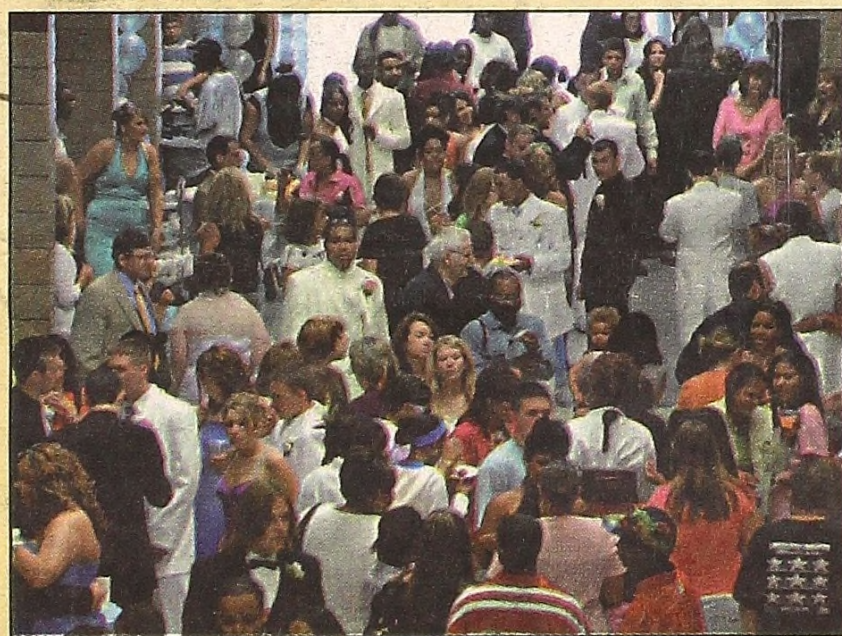


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## Pre-party

Excited seniors filed into Romulus High School last week for a prom pre-party. The students, who engaged in merriment at the school in celebration of ending this chapter of their lives, toasted the school, then moved onto the dance.

## City inches closer to biodiesel

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Despite concerns about traffic at the jammed Middlebelt and Wick roads intersection and a request for hefty tax incentives, the Romulus City Council is warming up to the concept of allowing a biodiesel refinery to open in the area.

Representatives from Alternegy — the firm that hopes to partner with RKA Petroleum to construct a \$14 million refinery a 4-acre parcel of land adjacent to the existing RKA facility — appeared for a second time in

*"I think we had a productive session here tonight. I think they understand what we're trying to do, it's just a matter of working out the economics."*

Margaret O'Brien

## Residential water, sewer rates spike

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Residents in Romulus will see an increase on their July water bill, according to a rate sheet provided to members of the Romulus City Council Monday night.

Rates for water will rise an average of 16.96 percent, and sewer rates will go up by 9.15 percent, according to figures released by Financial Director Debra Hoffman.

The rate increases will help the city keep the water department on an even keel, and are the result of

wholesale increases from the City of Detroit and rising costs associated with maintaining operations for the department in Romulus, Hoffman said.

"The cost of delivering water is increasing," she said. "We had an audit that revealed we had \$1.3 million in water loss for the 2005-06 fiscal year, and we can't continue to operate a department (with a loss)."

Specifically, water rates will go up from \$17.04 per 1,000 cubic feet of water. Residential sewer rates will increase from \$17.81 to \$19.44, non-residential sewer rates will

increase from \$19.34 to \$20.97, the flat rate charge will increase from \$74 to \$81, per-day residential connection charges will increase from 78 cents to 87 cents, and commercial per-day connection charges will increase from \$1.62 to \$1.82.

Council members did not vote to establish the rates, but did not dispute them. That means the increases will be committed to resident's bills.

Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear said he's not happy with the increases to residents, but doesn't

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## City council will discuss recreation facility

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members will discuss how the new recreation building will be managed at length at a special study session on June 25, before the regular meeting.

The full council voted unani-

mously to schedule the conference to discuss and eventually finalize a plan for the general operating parameters of the new building, which according to city estimates, will open later this year.

Mayor Alan Lambert said this is the first time the city has operated a dedicated recre-

ation facility, and that there are still some unanswered questions that need to be asked in advance of the official opening.

"We know that we're going to have a professional firm come in here and manage the facility for at least two years, and the

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front of the council members. RKA is a regional wholesaler of petroleum with headquarters in Romulus.

Though all council members expressed an interest in a need for alternative fuels, some openly questioned the economic incentives the firm was requesting and whether putting another business at the well-traveled intersection would be best for the business climate and residents.

Margaret O'Brien, a consultant with Alternegy, said she sensed city officials are softening their stance on some of these issues.

"I think we had a productive session here tonight," she said. "I think they understand what we're trying to do, it's just a matter of working out the economics."

The firm is asking for a full, 12-year tax abatement, and a three-year phase after that, in which taxes would be paid in 25 percent increments until the full amount is assessed.

Fifteen years in tax incentives means the city would not imme-

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# Man on doomed U-M flight remembered

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

The love that Rick LaPensee of Van Buren Township inspired was evident Monday as hundreds of people whose lives he touched attended his memorial service.

Mr. LaPensee, 48, was one of the six men who died in the June 4 University of Michigan medical flight plane crash in Lake Michigan.

His memory was honored with a casket filled with memorabilia, while bagpipes played in front of the St. Anthony's Church in Belleville. A traditional Catholic mass, followed by a procession of people including members of the University of Michigan flight crew, officers, family, friends and more than 18 different fire departments to the Hillside cemetery took place for the former firefighter.

"The family wanted to give the public the opportunity to mourn him by giving a full Catholic mass

and committal service," said Shelly Brown, spokesperson from the David C. Brown Funeral Home. "Their hope is this will be the closure that everyone needs and that he will be at rest now."

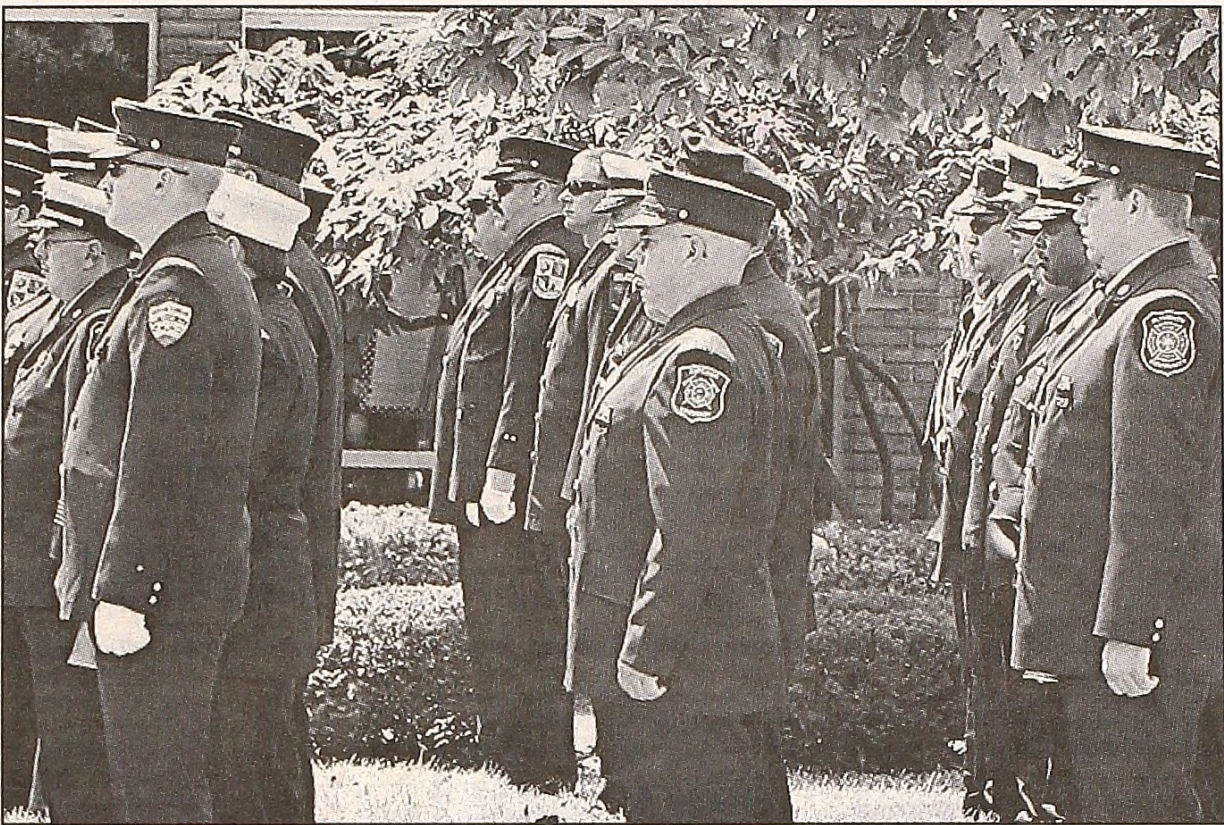
According to officials, remains of all six men have been found, but have not yet been identified.

Mr. LaPensee started his career in the Van Buren Township Fire Department in 1978. He resigned in 1998 before becoming a full-time firefighter with the City of Ypsilanti Fire Department, as well as working as an emergency medical technician.

Belleville Fire Chief Darwin Loyer said it's always difficult losing someone in the field.

"It's hard to explain what it's like to lose a firefighter. It's hard for people who aren't in the service to understand what it's like to be a firefighter," he said. "It's not just the firefighters that are close; the whole family's involved."

"It doesn't matter that you don't



The memorial and committal service for Rick LaPensee of Van Buren Township took place on Monday at St. Anthony's Church in Belleville. LaPensee, who was one of the six men who died in the University of Michigan medical flight plane crash in Lake Michigan, was a long-time firefighter for the township and the City of Ypsilanti.

know the person very well, you both had something in common: helping others," he added. "It doesn't matter if you're on different departments, from different cities or even states."

Mark Nicholai, fire chief of Van Buren Township, said the department's condolences go out to the family.

"I did work with Rick and he was very dedicated to the job, very

passionate about helping people and an excellent firefighter," said Nicholai.

Mr. LaPensee was married for 23 years to his wife, Claudia. They have sons 18 and 14.

## News in brief

### Flea market scheduled

The Romulus Historical Society will once again sponsor an annual flea market to help fund year-round society activities.

The flea market will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Romulus Historical Park, which is located at Hunt Street and Goddard Road, near the Romulus Post Office.

Vendor spaces are still available, and cost \$15 per vendor. All vendors must be able to provide their own tables. Light refreshments will be available on-site.

For more information, contact Gloria Chandler at (734) 941-2678.

### Summer reading program announced

The Romulus Public Library summer reading program is now under way. Activities are designed to appeal to students off all ages, according to a spokesperson. The program will continue until July 31.

Registration began last week for the programs. Activities will begin at 1 p.m. June 19 when musician Beverly Myers presents "The Music Lady Presents: The Musical Mystery Tour."

All other activities will take place at 1 p.m. on the following dates:

- June 27 – The M.J. Cooper Puppet Show;
- July 3 – Basic Yoga Postures with Erica;
- July 11 – Storyteller Tonya Dallas will spin tales about Anansi the spider;
- July 17 – Chris Measzros, the man of 1,000 voices, presents, "It's a Mystery";
- July 25 – The Super Science Program will provide experiments for students; and
- July 31 – Awards presentation for students who read the most.

For more information about the summer reading program, call the Romulus Public Library at (734) 942-7589.

## Recreation

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meeting we're going to have is going to inform the council and the public about those details," said Lambert.

The city employs a full-time parks and recreation manager, Kristin Irwin, who will oversee programming for the facility. But the provisions put into place for hiring of permanent and temporary employees and other issues will be covered during the meeting.

"When you think about it, opening a building of that size and scope is a major undertaking," Lambert said.

The city acquired the former Overhead Crane facility in 2005, and the building has been under construction for nearly

two years. The building, which is located at Wayne and Northline roads, covers an 11-acre parcel of land, and includes a full gym, pools, games and entertainment rooms and several other amenities. When it's completed, the building will encompass 70,000 square feet.

Council members, recreation staff, and Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) board members have traveled during the past two years to several area recreation facilities to determine some best practices for the opening of the facility.

There are several other aspects of the new center the council needs to discuss, including when the facility should be self-supporting, said Lambert.

"We're probably going to begin discussing rates to deter-

mine how much we should charge for the use of the facility," Lambert said. Generally recreation facilities charge a general membership fee to residents. Non-residents can typically purchase a membership for an increased cost.

The \$1.9 million facelift on the building was paid for through the TIFA, which collects a portion of the property tax dollars collected in a pre-determined district for reinvestment within that specific area.

The hope for the city is that, through fees charged to use the facility and membership dues, the operational costs will be completely covered, officials said.

The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on June 25 at the council chambers at Romulus City Hall, which is located at 11111 Wayne Road.

## Biodiesel

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diately realize the value of having the facility, said Councilman William Wadsworth.

"Fifteen years is a long time to wait to get anything for the city," he said.

Truck traffic raises other concerns, said Councilman William Crova.

"If you look at where the site is, there's not a lot of room for the trucks – it's just about two truck lengths (from the road to the entrance)," he said.

Representatives from RKA and Alternegy said truck traffic would increase, and that about nine trucks would be making deliveries to the site each day. Most of the feedstock used in biodiesel production would be brought in by rail, however.

The 4-acre parcel of land the facility would occupy does not

have other feasible uses because of its proximity to RKA and its size, and currently, the city gets very little value for the land, said O'Brien.

Biodiesel is a clean burning alternative fuel, produced from a variety of fats and oil. It is a renewable fuel that is often touted as one of the solutions to weaning U.S. consumers from foreign oil dependence. The goal of biodiesel producers is to replace conventional diesel fuel and home heating fuel, according to spokesmen.

Though biodiesel contains no petroleum, it can be blended at any level with petroleum to create a "blend" that can be used in typical compression-ignition diesel without any engine modification.

If it comes to fruition, the biodiesel facility proposed in Romulus would refine 10-11 million gallons of biodiesel per year, according to sources familiar with the project.

O'Brien said the company is seeking Renaissance Zone status, and that approval by the local governing body is required before the project can move forward. She added that there are only 10 zones available, and the project would have to move very quickly to secure that designation. The designation must be applied for from Wayne County.

Tax incentives for businesses have been a big issue in the city, which is also considering revising the formula used for abatements. Under the plan presented by Alternegy, the company would pay a special schools assessment, which would provide some new revenue for the Romulus Community School District.

The council elected not to approve the project Monday night. Representatives from Alternegy and RKA will return to the June 25 meeting.

Michigan is home to only one biodiesel refinery, located in Western Michigan.

## Water

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see a way to avoid raising rates.

"Things are tough on people right now, and that's a big increase," he said.

Water rates have been a source of anger for Michigan communities, especially those that purchase water from the City of Detroit, which has approved several rate increases during the past five years for systems maintenance and rising managerial costs. At the

same time, gas prices and other costs have skyrocketed, making it more difficult meet basic expenses, said Gear.

"That's going to be a burden for residents, and something has to be done long-term about water rates," he said.

The City of Detroit raised water rates by about 4 percent for suburban customers in March, but also increased rates by a higher margin on Detroit customers.

Many residents were at city hall for the meeting Monday, but few spoke about the increased cost.



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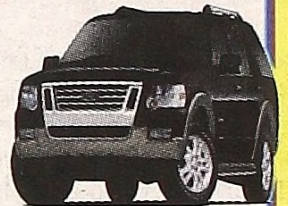
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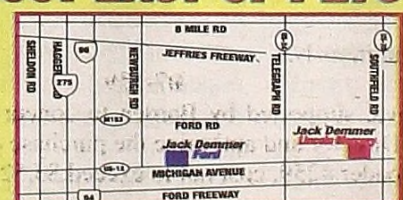
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# Beat the Bulldozer

## Group hopes The Rocky Horror Show will aid restoration effort

Scott Spielman  
Editor

An old classic will come into Wayne this weekend to help restore another old classic.

The Rocky Horror Show will take center stage at the Historic Wayne Theater on Saturday, according to Don Nicholson, capital fundraising chairman for the theater. It's the latest in an ongoing series of performances designed to generate funds for the restoration of the Historic Wayne Theater, opened in the 1920s and vacant for the past 20 years.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Nicholson of the show.

The show will be a live performance of the classic 1975 film. Put on by the Michigan Rocky Horror Preservation Society, it will feature all the productions and costumes made popular in the original film.

The gates open at 6 p.m. for the show, according to Nicholson. There will be a

costume contest—open to anyone—at 7 p.m. and the show will start after that.

All the concerts in the series—titled the 'Beat the Bulldozer' concert series—take place outside, so the event is weather permitting. It'll necessitate a few other changes around the theater west of Wayne Road on Michigan Avenue, as well. Volunteers will be on hand earlier in the day screening the outdoor area from general passersby.

"We feel that the Rocky Horror Show is only appropriate for people 18 and older," Nicholson said. "We don't want to offend anyone."

Nicholson and other volunteers trying to preserve the theater came up with the Beat the Bulldozer concert series concept earlier this year. The concerts take place every Saturday. They begin at 6 p.m. and the cover charge varies. There are also vendors on site. All the proceeds go toward the restoration of the theater.

The name of the series is appropriate, too, Nicholson said because the preserva-



The Rocky Horror Show will take center stage at the Historic Wayne Theater on Saturday.

tionists face a strict deadline. They have until September of this year to generate enough money to bring the building back up to code—it was cited under the dangerous and blighted building ordinance last year.

Nicholson said the fundraisers have been a mixed success, depending on the performances and weather conditions. A new sign now serves as a backdrop for the stage that shows a conceptual drawing of the fully restored theater. Nicholson said he hopes to have news this week about a sponsor that will bring in enough money to fix all the code violations and allow the theater group to take the next step—developing the structure into a mixed-use building that will include a restaurant and a regional arts center.

"It's coming along," Nicholson said.

The following week, music will return in the form of impersonators who will provide their take on classic musicians like Gene Pitney, Buddy Holly and Ray Charles.

"We're trying to do something for everyone," Nicholson said.

For more information on the theater and the preservation effort, visit [www.historicwayne.theater.com](http://www.historicwayne.theater.com).

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD MAY 29, 2007 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

**Present:** John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, William Wadsworth.

**Absent:** None.

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, Clerk

Pamela Morrison/Kersey, Treasurer, CMFTA

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-157

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 14, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Petitioners - None.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-158

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to award Bid 06/07-16 for barrier free access systems for the senior center restrooms and the east building entrance vestibule to the only qualified bidder, Stanley Access Technologies in the amount of \$9,064.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-159

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Tom Wilson, DPW Director and authorize the purchase of parts for in house repairs to DPW John Deere Loader #259, cost not to exceed \$3,525.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-160

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of the Administration and approve the appointment of Abbie Akins to the Property

Disposition Committee with a term expiring 1/25/08.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A1 \*Item deleted.

07-161

6A2. Motion by Burcroff supported by Crova to schedule a study session to be held on June 4, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, to discuss the 2007 Water Main Analysis.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-162

6A3-6A5. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to schedule an Advisory Appointment Committee Meeting June 11, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of Appointments/Re-Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Environmental Protection Board, and the Construction Board of Appeals.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-163

11A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-10 in the total amount of Six Hundred, Sixty Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Sixty Five Cents (\$668,979.65).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Abstain - Crova.

Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva W. Webb, Deputy Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Eva W. Webb, Deputy Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 29, 2007.

Eva W. Webb, Deputy Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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# OPINION

## Shedding light or pointing fingers?

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) introduced legislation last week she said was aimed at improving local control and promoting an informed citizenship.

Senate Bill (SB) 569 would require school districts to post on their web sites the salaries of their highest compensated employees. Citizens would then provide more informed opinions to their school boards, who make salary decisions on behalf of their taxpayers.

This bill will probably die in committee and it should, because it is more indicative of the desire in Lansing to point fingers than solve problems.

Perhaps the underlying goal here is a laudable one and not a preliminary salvo or yet another attack on school funding. People are always interested in the compensation earned by public employees—whether it be school superintendents, police chiefs or city managers—and those municipalities are always careful when they give out that information to the public. That's not because they're ashamed of it, generally, but because when you factor in the different types of benefits these employees earn—and how they differ from place to place—it's just complicated and difficult to come up with an apples to apples comparison.

But if this will help improve local control and contribute to a more informed citizenship, why should it just be limited to school districts? Why the attempt to 'call them out'? This legislation would be more valuable if it were extended to municipalities, as well. As in school districts, there are ways of finding this information out, it's just as readily available as a click on a municipal home page. For that matter, why not require senators and representatives to list their salaries, benefits and, say, their top 10 campaign contributors on their own web sites? Again this information is available elsewhere, but you have to look for it.

If the plan is to make the information easier to find about school officials, it should be easier to find about all public officials. Everyone should be under the same microscope.

## Steps in the right direction

Everybody makes mistakes—it is just human nature.

Elected and appointed officials will also tell you that everybody inherits some mistakes, too—things that have gone on in the past for which they are ultimately held accountable.

Take a look at Central City Park in Westland for one example, or the issue with Carmen Mitchell, an employee in the City of Inkster for another.

Mitchell was found recently to have been granting extensions on her own water bills to avoid making payments and having the late fees added onto her tax roles.

In each of those cases—whether it's someone making their own mistake or a leader inheriting one from someone else—what happens next is ultimately more important.

In this, the City of Inkster acted in the best way possible.

They investigated the issue as thoroughly as they could. They disciplined Mitchell according to their own procedures—which were essentially dictated by the union. Then officials took steps to ensure it didn't happen again.

Granting this kind of relief is not an uncommon thing in the City of

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## A nice 'act' to follow

It was a close vote last Tuesday night, but the Wayne theater groups maintained their tenuous connection with the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department.

It didn't really surprise me and I think it's a good thing, in the long run. This is a group of talented people who—during the past few years particularly—have always stepped up to help out the city. They've taken over events that the city couldn't afford to put on anymore. They filled a major hole in the Wayne Wheelfest last year when budget cuts eliminated the Sunday entertainment. They bring a lot of culture to an otherwise bread-and-butter town.

Even so, I'd have done it a little differently if I were on the council. I'd have put a caveat in the motion that the groups should actively seek more participation from Wayne residents. These are our tax dollars at work here, and six out of 50 members just doesn't cut it, in my opinion.

I started this column as a blog last week and I'm expanding on it not because I couldn't think of any other ideas, but because I think this will be an important issue down the line.

The adult theater groups may have won a reprieve this year, but some members of the council—particularly Al Damitio and Mayor Al Haidous—made it pretty clear that the theater groups would always be among the first thing that city officials look at when it comes to making budget

cuts. Since the economic outlook isn't exactly improving, keeping costs down will be an important thing in the coming years—which means the theater groups will be continually under the microscope.

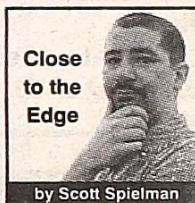
The people who participate in the theater know it's a valuable program. The people who attend the performances can see the quality every night. I know it's a valuable program—it's a unique activity that can bring some notoriety to the community, as many have already stated.

Convincing the taxpayers that it's more important than some bread and butter service, however, is another thing. So is explaining why the theater groups should be able to operate under the parks and recreation umbrella while groups like the baseball association, soccer association and figure skating association have had to split off.

So it couldn't hurt to drum up additional support from within the community in the form of new participants.

For that matter, if the members of the theater group who live outside of Wayne want to show how much the theater means to the community and how much better the city is for it, why don't they move in? There are houses available all over town.

You're telling me that Garden City is a better place to live than Wayne? Come on. ...



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## The 'Shawskank' redemption

Ahhhh to be young, rich, famous and do absolutely nothing. There's got to be nothing quite like it.

That it is until you drive drunk, get pulled over and go to jail for driving on a suspended license. But no big deal...it's only for three days, right?

Major world concerns like terrorism, poverty and hunger are put on the back burner, because it seems like the media and the public just can't get enough of Paris Hilton and her jail time.

I probably don't have to go into too much detail because details of what happened to the hotel heiress are on every major news channel and newsstand. But, in case you weren't watching CNN, ABC, FOX, NBC or even MSNBC, Hilton's path to jail started when she failed a sobriety test after police saw her weaving down a Hollywood street in her Mercedes-Benz, according to reports.

Hilton was sentenced to probation for reckless driving, alcohol education and paid thousands in fines. Shortly after, she was stopped by police again. This time officers found her driving on a suspended license, which landed her a celebrity appearance in the courtroom and a red-carpet spot in jail.

To save face, Hilton reported she was going to 'take responsibility' for her actions and use this situation in a 'positive way.' The only positive I've seen so far is that Hilton lucked out and got off easy.

So just like any other ordinary citizen, Hilton was taken in through a private entrance for booking and fingerprinting. She was then photographed for a mug shot with full make-up on and her hair perfectly done, which turned out looking more like a modeling head-shot instead of a jail mug-shot.

Hilton also surrendered her valuables and hygiene items, like her prized hair extensions. She was then whisked into a private cell in a special housing unit with two bunk beds, a sink, a toilet and a small window.

Three days later, Hilton was released because of an "undisclosed medical condition", which very well may mean her body went into shock from lack of club hopping.

So house arrest it was. I mean, who wouldn't love

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King's Court

by Andrea King

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# Boy, 8 saves drowning friend

Kevin Hill  
Staff Writer

Zachary Lazanja doesn't quite understand why everyone's making such a fuss that he pulled 8-year-old Aiden Hurley out of the deep end of his grandmother's pool.

He's just glad his best friend is OK.

The community is calling Zachary, also 8, a hero for his role in saving Aiden from drowning June 2.

Ten minutes after the boys had gotten into the pool, Zachary noticed that Aiden went underwater to retrieve a diving stick, but didn't return to the surface.

Remembering the life-saving lessons he learned in swimming classes—"That if someone's not coming up for air you should go see if they're not moving," as Zachary put it—the young hero dove 8 feet to the bottom of the pool.

"I dove down and grabbed him and swam up to the surface," he said. "I saw bubbles coming out of his mouth. His face was all blue," he said.

The boys' mothers took the victim out of the water. Aiden's mother, Beth Hurley, has a nursing background and was able to revive her son with CPR.

When the fire department arrived, the boy was conscious and breathing on his own.

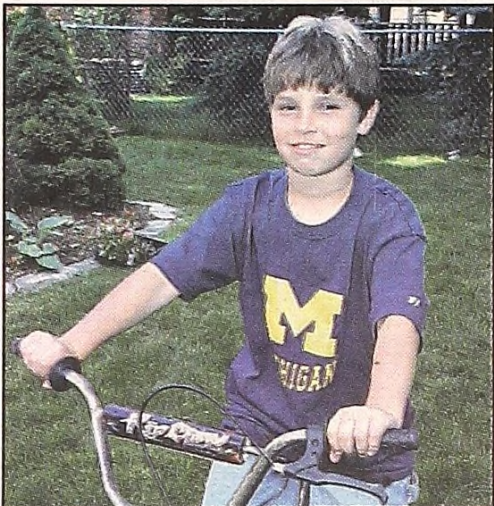
Christe Lazanja, Zachary's mother, said she was surprised and proud that her son reacted so quickly to the danger.

"We can kind of talk about this all calmly now, because thank God he's OK," she said, "but it was a pretty scary thing, because we've been around pools our whole lives and nothing like that has ever happened."

"It all happened so fast," she said. "He did not panic."

As it turns out, Aiden had suffered a seizure while underwater, Lazanja said. He was treated at a hospital and later discharged with no ill effects.

Zachary and Aiden have been friends for four years and met each other through soccer. The families aren't sure yet what caused the seizure, but Aiden hasn't had another episode. He's been pulled from sports as a precaution, but he was allowed to play for a single one-minute shift in the



Zachary Lazanja

final soccer game of the season.

Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said he had never experienced a citizen rescue from someone so young.

"Everybody there is to be commended," he said. "It really makes you feel good to see a youngster take that type of action."

He said it was a good example of why water safety is crucial as the weather gets hotter.

"A lot of our stories don't end so good in the line of work we do," he said. "It's always good to swim with a friend and to have some basic knowledge of water rescue."

The Canton Board of Trustees plans to honor Zachary at the June 26 meeting and he has also been invited to next year's fire department awards ceremony.

Christe Lazanja said the event was a wake-up call for her and her husband, Simon. She's planning to become re-certified in CPR.

"There's times the kids are in the pool and we're sitting there chatting and visiting, even though we're there. We are definitely more alert now because of this incident,"

For Zachary's part, he's hoping the attention fades away, so he can get back to playing with his friends.

"I told Zachary, 'you should be very proud,'" said Christe Lazanja. "His exact words to me were, 'Mom the biggest reward was that I saved my best friend's life.'"

for Hilton. She's bumped her celebrity status up once again.

However, I still believe that if you do the crime, you should do the time, even if you are Paris Hilton. Jail's not supposed to be a trip to the spa. It's about retribution for disobeying the law; laws we all should follow. This situation is a sad mockery of the judicial system that goes to show that celebrities really are treated better.

I would love to see the justice system treat Hilton with the same discipline and sentencing we 'regular people' would get in this circumstance. Then, Hilton would truly know what the "Simple Life" is like.

But, I guess if you're a hotel heiress with too much money, you can buy your way out of any situation. As Paris Hilton would say: "Loves It."

council to vote on in the near future.

This may not sit well with residents, but that is the reality of working with municipal government. Officials have to weigh the costs of every action as it relates to the big picture, and deviating from their set procedures could have ultimately cost city residents.

What's important now, though, is that Parker took the right steps. She addressed the issue, investigated it and put a policy in place to ensure it didn't happen again.

That's all we, and the taxpayers, can ask for.

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## Skank

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to spend the remainder of their sentence in a four-bedroom, three-bath home with gourmet food, security guards and Four Seasons hotel accommodations? I'm sure if you ask anyone who has spent time in our jails they'd trade pin-stripes for four-stars any day.

Hilton's stay however, was cut short when she was ordered back to the slammer. Although, by the time this goes to print she could be out of jail again.

I should give her a little credit though, because behind this media-frenzy is yet another well-orchestrated publicity stunt

## Steps

FROM PAGE 6

Inkster: It's been done for residents in the past. Mitchell's mistake was doing it for her herself. That won't happen again. The city is also looking at a defined policy that will be fair to all residents having difficulty keeping up with their water bills.

City Manager Joyce Parker said she's researching that now, and hopes to have some kind of recommendation for the city



# Festival is 'ripe' for fun

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

The strawberries are ripe and ready to go for a 'berry' special time of year: the 31st annual Belleville National Strawberry Festival.

This year the festival will include live entertainment, a car show, a pageant, carnival rides, homemade crafts and food, a parade, helicopter rides, the fireman water-ball competition and other daily events.

The city-wide festival is located in seven different areas, including: Main Street, Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville Presbyterian Church, St. Anthony's Church, Victory Park, Belleville High School and South Middle School. It will be open from noon to 11 p.m. on Friday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 16 and from noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 17.

Since 1976, the Belleville strawberry festival has perpetuated the community theme of strawberries, fundraising for area organizations and a way to strengthen community spirit and pride throughout the Belleville area, according to the committee.

The first festival started at St. Anthony's Church, but has grown in locations, organization participation, strawberry treats and visitors to the event, said Janet Millard, executive director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Festival Director Joan Bodnar said the strawberry festival will include a variety of daily events for everyone to enjoy including: the Rise Above BMX stunt show, the Detroit Piston's and Detroit Shock Year-Round Hoops Truck, Mark Rosenthal's Animal Magic, the Choi Kwang-Do Demo Team, the Friends of the Michigan Animal Rescue, children's activities, like fantasy face painting, games and plenty of strawberry treats.

"There will be more than 1,000 short-cakes and more than 350 strawberry pies alone made at the Trinity church," said Bodnar.

New this year will be the Honey Bunches of Oats mobile café, located on Main Street. People can stop in to enjoy a sample of Honey Bunches of Oats cereal and more, Bodnar said.

Another new attraction will be the Gillette Breeze razors mobile located in the parking lot of Oakwood Health Care.

On Friday, visitors can watch the annual Strawberry Prince and Princess contest at noon at South Middle School.

The schedule will also include area singers and groups performing in the WYCD Country Strawberry Jam on Saturday. Local singers include April Gibson & Wildfire, Chris Solano and Fiddlers Re-Strung. Other performers are: Aerodogy, Steve Berkemeier, Kayline Brown, Detroit All Stars, Funkee Station, Boots in Motion, TLT, Outta the Belly, Yankeeville, Vicki Talbott, Tony Thompson, Cottonwood Cloggers, Crossin Dixon, Knockturne and Sarah Lenore.

The Rotary Club annual pancake breakfast—a festival tradition—will take place from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday at the Belleville High School cafeteria. The parade will then follow at 11 a.m. and will include numerous entries of floats, area politicians and organizations and musical entertainment.

On Saturday, festivalgoers can watch the Belleville Lake Water-ski Club at 3 p.m. on Horizon Park.

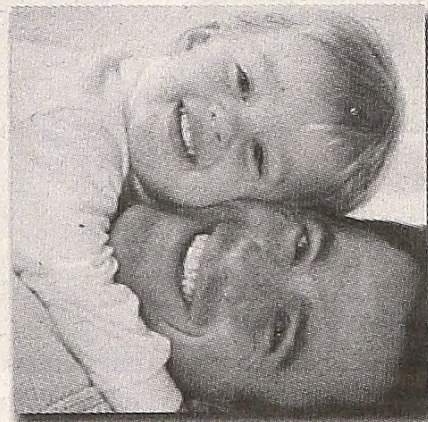
The festival will end the main events with the 6th annual Cinnamon's Father's Day Car Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday at Victory Park and, the Strawberry Idol contest which will take place all day Sunday at the main stage.



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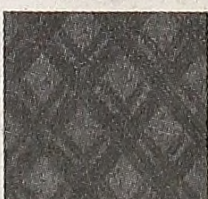
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# ‘Pelorus’ sends champion speller off winning course

Kevin Hill  
Staff Writer

Life is a bit more calm for Nithya Vijayakumar these days. That's fine with her.

The 13-year-old Canton Township girl made a bid a few weeks ago to become the first Michigan student to win the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

She tied for eighth place, bowing out after misspelling “pelorus,” defined as a navigational instrument. Her classmates from Detroit Country Day Middle School and friends from Canton all watched her compete live on primetime network television.

All the attention was exciting at first she said, but then became a bit “boring,” she said, with an apologetic smile.

Vijayakumar has been in various spelling competitions since she was 8, but developed a real passion for it recently.

“I wasn’t that involved in spelling until this year when I found out about the Scripps National Bee,” she said. “I’d seen it on TV a couple of times. I thought it was pretty exciting.”

Still, even on the national stage, the pressure to succeed came from within.

“I think it’s more of a pressure to spell the word right. The TV and the cameras, I don’t think they affect you much.”

All the contestants’ parents sat onstage during the competition, too. Nithya’s father, Pandiarajan Vijayakuman, agreed with his daughter’s assessment.

“(The cameras) are little bit away from the stage, but that side is a little bit dark as well,” he said. “When you’re thinking of a

word, you’re only looking at the pronouncer.”

As a contestant mulls a word over, the silence seems deafening to a viewer. Some contestants visualize spelling the word on the back of their name card.

“Usually, when you’re spelling a word, you sort of zone everything out,” said Nithya Vijayakumar.

For seven rounds, she was able to do just that. She correctly spelled “kinetic,” “therapeutic,” “zeugma,” “grego” and “coquillage” to make it to the final round of the 80th annual Scripps National Spelling Bee.

She spent countless hours studying medical words with the help of her mother, who is a neurologist and sleep specialist. Her father tested her on words from the dictionary and the Scripps consolidated word list.

“Studying spelling is not the most fun thing in the world,” admitted Vijayakuman. “It’s fun when you come across a really weird word or one that has really interesting etymology.”

There are patterns learned along the way, and strategies that lend themselves to the competition.

“Long words are easier to spell,” she said. “You can break them down into parts that are easy.”

“I don’t think the etymology would have helped too much with that word,” she said. “It has a schwa sound and it’s one of those words that you either know or you don’t.”

Vijayakuman can’t return to the national bee because of an age limit, but she is eager to devote the time spent pouring over word lists to a healthy list of other interests.

She studies bharatanatyam, a form of

classical Indian dance. She’s played the clarinet since sixth grade and just recently took up violin. She is a junior black belt in the American Okinawan Karate Academy and she plays lacrosse.

Vijayakuman moved with her family to Canton when she was 6. She was in the Talented and Gifted program in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District until her parents decided to send



Pandiarajan Vijayakuman and his daughter Nithya, credit her Canton education for part of her success.

her to Detroit Country Day for college preparation.

“I think the foundation was established here in Plymouth-Canton,” her father said. “There are a lot of good kids in this community. Nithya is what she is because of her friends here.”

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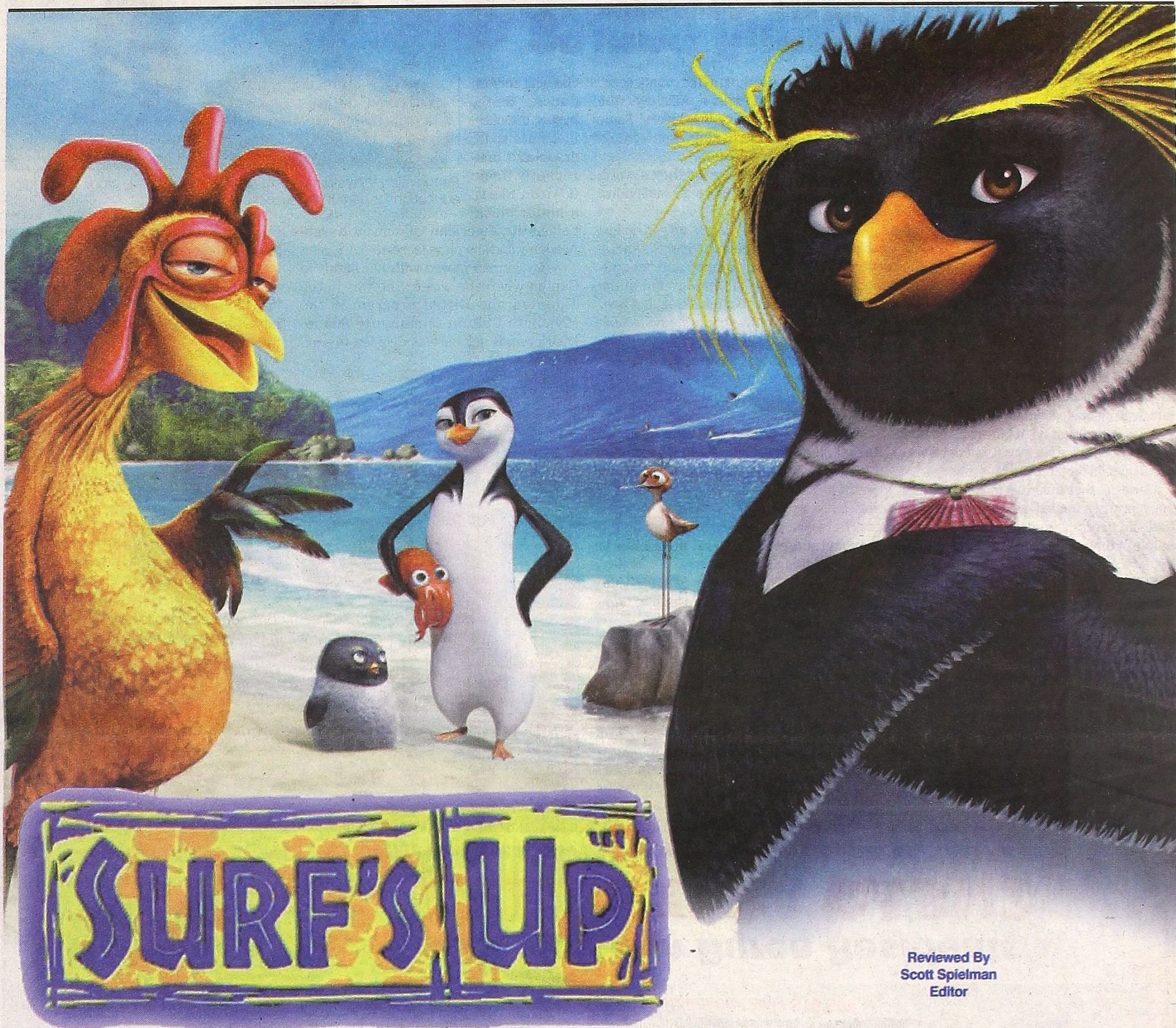
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# THE SCENE



Reviewed By  
Scott Spielman  
Editor

## Film is fun for all

I had a few questions going into a viewing of *Surf's Up*, the animated film that was released last weekend.

How exactly does a penguin surfer get to a tropical island in the first place?

The answer was pretty obvious: the same way a chicken from Wisconsin does—atop the back of a whale.

So how does a whale get to a surfing chicken in Wisconsin?

Never mind. If you ask yourself those kinds of questions, you won't enjoy *Surf's Up* and that would be a shame because the movie is one of the most enjoyable films to hit the big screen this year.

Filmed like a documentary, *Surf's Up* follows the adventures of young Cody Maverick (Shia LaBeouf), an up-and-coming surfer about to enter his first competition, the Big Z Memorial tournament at Pen Gu Island.

When we meet Maverick, he is a fish sorter in the frigid town

of Shiverpool, Antarctica. Like many movie heroes, he longs to get away and make it big.

His chance comes when a scout for the contest, Mike Abromowitz (Mario Cantone) arrives looking for contestants. He doesn't impress the scout initially, but eventually earns his way to the aforementioned whale, where he meets Chicken Joe (Jon Heder), who counts among his credits 'shredding' the waves on Lake Michigan.

Maverick faces plenty of challenges on Pen Gu. After a terrible wipeout in an impromptu challenge against the current surfing champion, the self-righteous and self-occupied Tank (Diedrich Bader), Cody is left in the care of a washed up surf bum by a resident lifeguard Lani (Zooey Deschanel).

The washed up bum, The Geek (Jeff Bridges) is not who he seems, of course, and Cody convinces the elder penguin to mentor him in preparation for the

contest.

*Surf's Up* follows a generally predictable pattern, but there are plenty of laughs along the way for young and old alike. The animation is fantastic, showing the grace and power of the ocean in way that 'real life' surfer movies haven't quite managed.

The message is a good one to youngsters, too. Similar to last year's

'Cars,' the film talks about values beyond the goal of merely winning a competition.

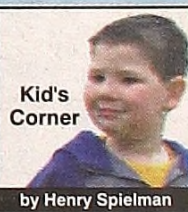
The voice talent is excellent, too. James Woods is perfectly cast as an energetic and somewhat sleazy surf promoter named Reggie Belafonte. Bridges is simply inspirational as The Geek—he further polishes the laid back surfer mentality he perfected in *The Big Lebowski*.

This is a film worthy of the entire family, a cheery effort that the young and the not so young will enjoy.

### I liked this movie

This was a very funny movie.

It was about a surfer named Cody and his friends. It had a good message—that you should never give up and friends are more important than trophies.



My favorite character was Chicken Joe. He used to surf on Lake Michigan. One time, when he was looking for Cody, he said: He's around here somewhere, I can feel in it my nuggets.

At the end he was laying on his surfboard looking up in the sky and he said: "Aww, look at that cloud. It looks just like a little kitty," and a big wave was building up right behind him. That was funny.

I liked this movie a lot.





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# SPORTS



The Northville Lady Mustang soccer team celebrates their regional championship victory after beating the Saline Hornets, 2-1, on Friday in Saline. Photo by Diana Birdsall

## Northville soccer wins regional crown

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Northville Lady Mustang won their second-straight regional crown last week.

They had to stave off a comeback attempt by host Saline on Friday to gain the 2-1 victory that moved them one step closer to their ultimate goal—a state championship.

Northville's defensive effort got the job done in the second half. After Saline's Kacy Hartman cut the Mustangs' lead to 2-1—on a spinning shot inside the six-yard box with about 17:35 left in the game—Northville's defense fought off a flurry of attacks for the win.

"Ever since the Churchill game (district championship) the defense has been playing really well," said Northville Coach Ron Meteyer. "Right now the defense just shuts down teams until the offense can figure out how to score."

Saline was the first team to score on the Mustangs in the playoffs. Churchill was the last team to score against the stout defense back on May 23 for the conference championship.

Junior forward Sarah Stern got things going for Northville on Friday.

After freshman Kelsey Fiscus forced Saline to give up a corner kick, sophomore Kelsey Baskins lofted the corner kick up and Stern headed the ball in for a coveted 1-0 advantage with about 16:51 left in the first half. The score was her 12th of the season.

Then, with about 20:58 left in the game, Northville put on the pressure again. Initial shots bounced off the goalie and defenders before senior forward and Penn State recruit Danielle Toney put it from about 10 yards out. It was her 21st of the year and third of the playoffs.

Since the state tournament playoffs started, Northville put away Plymouth (2-0), Salem (1-0), Churchill (1-0 for the district championship) and Ann Arbor Huron (1-0) last Tuesday in the first round of the regional tournament at Saline.

Defender Kristen Slack turned up as the hero of the regional semifinal against Huron.

Baskins took a corner kick that was moved up by Stern. A scrum ensued and Slack moved up from her position to help. She poked in a shot that skidded along the goal line before slipping in for the goal with 31:09 left in the game.

Senior goalkeeper Liz Watza earned her 11th



Northville junior forward Sarah Stern battles against Saline's Meredith Faas on Friday. Stern put Northville on the board first en route to the victory. Photo by Ken Garner

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## Belleville falls in semifinal

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

One run was all that kept the Belleville Lady Tiger softball squad from moving on in the state tournament on Saturday.

It came in the third inning, when Ann Arbor Huron pushed one across the plate with a hard hit to right field. The run was good enough for the River Rats to take the 1-0 regional semifinal victory at Saline.

Huron hurler Kristy Arbor shut down the Lady Tigers' offense, giving up just two hits in the contest.

Sophomore Samantha Cole had one of them in the sixth frame. She was on third with two outs when Jasmine Blue Haralson blasted a line drive up

the middle that almost took off the arm of the second baseman but she caught it for the final out, leaving Cole stranded 60 feet from home.

Belleville had an earlier opportunity with runners on second and third but the team didn't get the needed key hits to get them in.

"It didn't matter how many they scored," said Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis. "When you can't score any, it doesn't matter."

"I scouted (Huron) and I knew that they had a good pitcher," she added. "She had a great change-up that kept us off balance. Huron just got better as the year and season went on."

Belleville finished the season

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Samantha Cole (above, throwing in the district championship last week) pitched a seven-strikeout, four-hitter loss to Ann Arbor Huron in a regional semifinal game at Saline on Saturday. Huron won the game, 1-0. The pitching star will be one of the many young and experienced players returning next year for another run at the state championship. File photo by Jeff Novak



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## Mustangs

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shutout of the season, turning away two River Rat shots.

“It was a rough and tumble game,” Meteyer said. “There were a lot of players getting knocked down; a lot of fouls called, especially against Ann Arbor Huron.

“It was one of those games that is ugly but you win it anyhow and move on.”

With the regional crown tucked away, Northville faced its biggest obstacle of the year—neighboring rival and arch-nemesis Novi—on Wednesday night in Brighton. Results were unavailable at press time.

Novi beat Northville in the state championship game last year.

“This is going to be a psychological obstacle for us,” Meteyer said. “They beat us in the championship game last year, in a regular season game this year and the regular season game last year. So it’s been three games in a row that they have beat us. We have to make the kids believe that they can do this.”

Check [www.jopurnal-group.com](http://www.jopurnal-group.com) for the results of the contest.



Northville senior defender and co captain Kristen Slack (16) and junior Sarah Acquinto (14) work against Saline’s Katrina Hollis (3) and Stephanie Burke (16). Slack scored the winning-goal against Ann Arbor Huron last Tuesday. Photo by Ken Garner



Northville senior forward and co captain Danielle Toney—the team’s all-time leading scorer—makes a move against a saline defender on Friday. She scored one of the team’s two goals in the 2-1 victory. Photo by Ken Garner

## Tigers

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with a 23-8 overall record and their fourth consecutive district championship—not a bad year for a team that carried a shortened roster for most of the season.

Belleville lost starting senior shortstop Hillary Ivan to a knee injury early on. It was an injury that affected the team even late in the season. Back-up Lacey Marcotte was solid all year but was already committed to a camp that happened to be on the same day as the regional tournament. That moved Wendy Morton into the position for the first time this season.

The team was also without starting junior first-baser Kendall Acho—also out with knee problems. Angel Matthews—voted to the all-district and all-regional honors—stepped in and was solid throughout.

Sophomore relief pitcher Casandra Porzondek missed the entire season with injuries. That left Cole, also an all-district and all-regional selection, as the sole starter. She pitched all but a handful of games this year.

To top it off the Tigers also missed senior starting outfielder Brandi Craig, who was absent from the regional

semi-final due to personal reasons.

“I’m still proud of how they played this year,” Curtis said. “Although injuries are never a good thing, it did allow for some younger players to gain some valued experience.”

Curtis, who just wrapped up her 29th coaching season, said the adversity this year will only pave a more successful road for the future.

Belleville only loses four seniors (Ivan, Craig, Haralson and Lindsey Williams) to graduation this year.

That leaves five juniors (Morton, Jessica Kovach, Danielle Stabnau, Marcotte and a healthy Acho) returning with five experienced sophomores, including Cole and Matthews.

Porzondek is also expected back with Megan Sierak and Allison Kloc.

Curtis also said she will have a slew of younger players that will make the step up to varsity.

“We already excited and panning for ext year,” she said.

Next year will mark her 30th anniversary as coach and would like nothing more than to win it all like she did at the beginning of her career in 1983 and 1984.

“I was lucky to win early in my career,” she said, “but I’ve been trying the rest of my career to get back to it.”

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# SPORTS

## Showdown

### Area teams battle in Big Day

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

With schools closing their doors for the summer and the scorching seasonal heat still not yet upon us fully, it is hard to talk football.

Official full-team, full-dress practices are still two months away for programs, but the excitement is already brewing.

To kick off the new season the Detroit Metro Sports Commission (DMSC) is hosting its third Big Day Prep Showdown during the weekend of August 25th.

This year the event, that is quickly being regarded as the premier opening weekend high school football event in the state—offering big-time teams playing in big-time games on the big stage of Eastern Michigan University's Ryneearson Stadium—is bigger and better.

The DMSC expanded the program to two days with seven games instead of four.

Fans of the event can now take in three games on Friday, August 24 and the usual four on Saturday, August 25.

"Our goal for the Big Day Prep Showdown has always been to expand the event to a blend of not only exciting high school football, but also a celebration of the school communities," said Dave

Beachnau, DMSC executive director. "The growth in 2007 to seven games on two days along with the new scholarship program continues the evolution to our long-range vision for the event."

Among those teams competing are local juggernauts John Glenn, Canton, Belleville and Plymouth and teams out of area teams like Fraser, Warren Cousino, Allen Park, Detroit Finney, Livonia Franklin, Chelsea, Ypsilanti, Toledo (Ohio) Central Catholic, Milford and Walled Lake Central.

"The 2007 Big Day Prep Showdown will again feature an exciting blend of traditional high school powers and emerging programs including seven 2006 MHSAA playoff teams from teams in four local counties and Ohio," said Beachnau. "We are also very pleased to have several schools who very much wanted to return to the event including Allen Park and Chelsea who have been a part of the event from its inception."

The Canton Chiefs, who made it to the regional finals last season and to the state championship game the prior year, will take on Toledo Central Catholic High School at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25.

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Belleville Coach Bob La Pointe will lead his Tigers against Plymouth in the Big Day Prep Showdown at Eastern Michigan University at 2:30 pm on Saturday, Aug. 25. File photo by Jeff Novak



The John Glenn Rockets, coached by Todd DeLuca, face Livonia Franklin in the Big Day Prep Showdown at Eastern Michigan University at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 24. File photo by Jeff Novak

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Showdown

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Although there is no bigger stage for the team to play on than Ford Field where they played at in 2005, Canton Coach Tim Baechler said the Big Day Prep Showdown would be a good start to the season this year.

"It will be exciting for the kids to play at EMU," he said. "TCC is a tough team and it will be a difficult day. We always want to win the first game of the year but we proved two years ago that it's not the end of the world if you lose a couple."

Earlier on that day Belleville will take to the gridiron against Plymouth at 2:30 pm.

Both teams struggled last year. Belleville finished with a 2-7 overall record. Long-time Head Coach Bob La Pointe hopes to turn things around this year. He said he's looking forward to the match-up.

"We're all excited about the game," he said. "It should be fun for the kids to play on a big stage. We've never played Plymouth before and they have a new coach so it could be a good opportunity."

"Winning the first game is important to us," he added. "It would be nice to use a win in a situation like this to get the season going."

Plymouth's 3-6 record last season led to the early retirement of Coach Jay Blaylock. Mike

Sawchuck will take over the reigns this season with his first game as head coach at Eastern Michigan University.

John Glenn takes on Livonia Franklin at 8 p.m. on Friday.

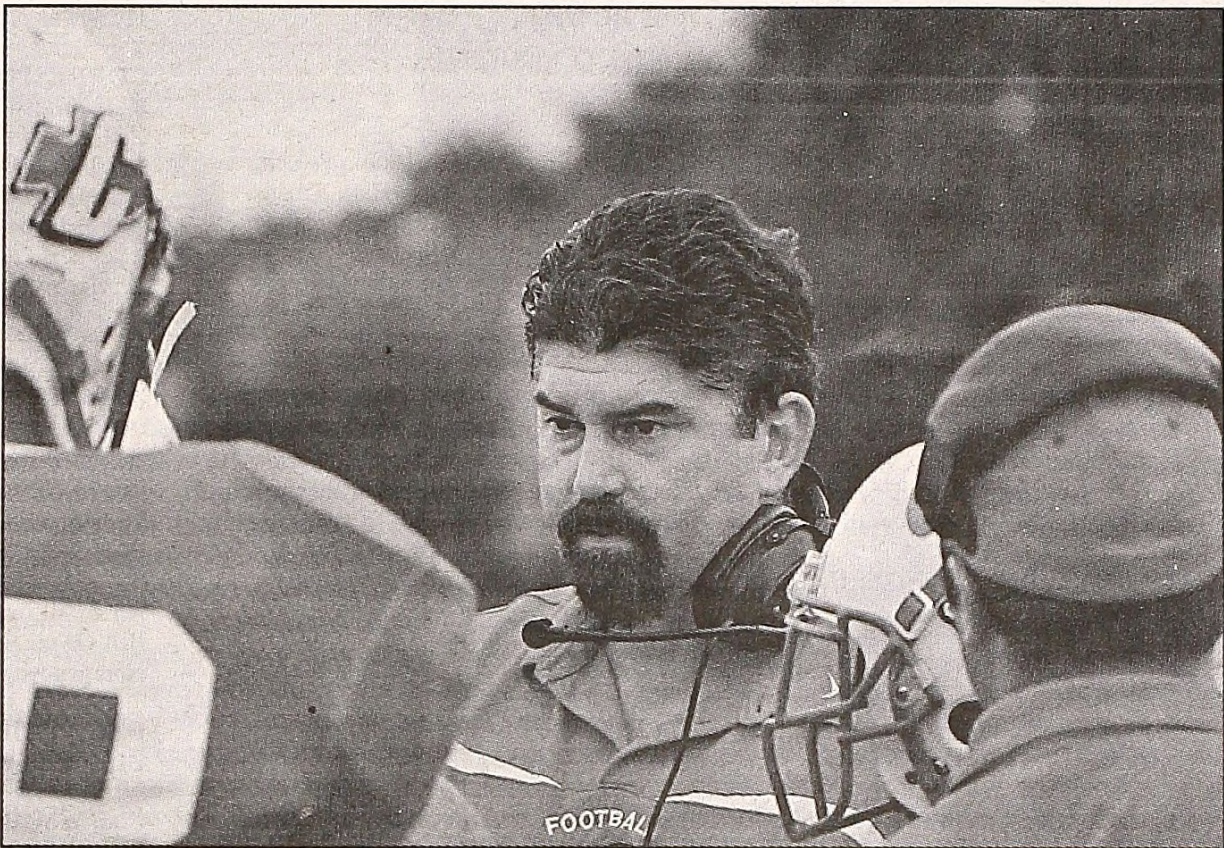
Head Coach Todd DeLuca and his Rockets struggled to a 3-6 record last year but should match up well against the 5-4 Patriots. This will be the first time since 2003 that the two Western Lakes Activities Association teams have met. Glenn won that contest, 25-7.

"We feel fortunate to be apart of the Big Day Prep Showdown," DeLuca said. "This will be a good match-up and we're excited about it. It will also offer the kids some great experience to play in that type of atmosphere."

The Big Day Prep Showdown III will include a new student scholarship award program in partnership with Detroit Lions Charities. Awards in the amount of \$500 will be provided to one student from each school based on a blend of academic, civic and extra curricular activity. Winners will be announced at half-time of each game.

"This scholarship program is an exciting addition to the 2007 Big Day Prep Showdown," said DMSC Chairman Robert Porcher. "The vision is to celebrate not only football, but to acknowledge the tremendous academic and civic accomplishments of students from the participating schools who excel in their own pursuits."

Another exciting element of the Big Day Prep Showdown III



Canton Coach Tim Baechler and his Chiefs will play a tough Toledo (OH) Central Catholic team at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25 at Eastern Michigan University. File photo by Jeff Novak

will be a Comcast Local contest for students from the fourteen participating schools to win an opportunity to be a sideline reporter on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Big Day Prep Showdown, according to Amy Lamphier of Comcast Local.

Tickets to the Friday, Aug. 24 games for all ages are \$6 in advance and \$7 on the day of the event. Advance one-day tickets for the Saturday, Aug. 25 games are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students and provide admission for all games that day. Children age

five and under are free on Saturday, Aug. 25. All one-day/game-day tickets for

Saturday, Aug. 25 are \$10 at the gate and are also good for all games that day.

| Match-Ups           |  |
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| Friday, Aug. 24th   |  |
| 2 p.m.              | Fraser vs. Warren Cousino                |
| 5 p.m.              | Allen Park vs. Detroit Finney            |
| 8 p.m.              | Westland John Glenn vs. Livonia Franklin |
| Saturday, Aug. 25th |  |
| 11:45 a.m.          | Chelsea vs. Ypsilanti                    |
| 2:30 p.m.           | Belleville vs. Plymouth                  |
| 5 p.m.              | Canton vs. Toledo (OH) Central Catholic  |
| 8 p.m.              | Milford vs. Walled Lake Central          |

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 5, 2007

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, IT Director Rankin, Senior Director Combs, Parks Manager Mulkey, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty (30).

Supervisor King requested a moment of silence be held in honor of the individuals involved in the University of Michigan medical flight plane crash that occurred on Monday June 4, 2007. One of the individuals was Ricky Allen LaPensee a former employee of the Township who served the Van Buren Fire Department for 20 years and also served as a member of the Public Safety Committee.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to open the public hearing to receive comments on Special Use request to operate a drive-thru window as part of a new Taco Bell Restaurant on the west side of Belleville Road in front of the Wal-Mart Store and between McDonald's and Tim Horton's. Carried.

Supervisor King went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated the item under consideration is approval of a special land use request to permit a drive-thru window by the Taco Bell Restaurant Organization to construct a new 3,343 square feet Taco Bell Restaurant on an outlot in front of the Wal-Mart Store between McDonald's and Applebees. The Zoning Ordinance requires Board approval for special land use of a drive-thru window. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request at the May 9, 2007 meeting. The applicant described the site layout and traffic circulation noting the drive-thru will have twelve (12) car stacking spaces and the drive-thru with an option to be open twenty-four (24) hours a day seven (7) days a week.

Board members made the following inquiries: What are the plans for current Taco Bell? The applicant stated it would be put up for sale and after the building is closed Taco Bell signage would be removed and entrances blocked, he further stated currently there is a party interested in purchasing the old Taco Bell. What are the water management agreements for the property? The applicant stated Taco Bell will buy into the current water retention system management agreement.

There were no comments from the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Clair seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to open the public hearing to hear public comments to consider the request by the Kirkridge Park Cooperative Board of Directors to establish a special assessment district for the purpose of purchasing, installing and maintaining streetlights in the Kirkridge Park Cooperative. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated the Kirkridge Cooperative Park Board of Directors is requesting the Township establish a Special Assessment District for the purpose of installing and maintaining street lights through the DTE Energy Company program. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive comments and questions regarding the setting up the geographic boundaries for the Special Assessment District (SAD). If the district is approved a second public hearing will be held for spreading of the assessment roll. The Township uses the special assessment process to provide a method to collect payment for street lighting via the property tax bill. Kirkridge Park Cooperative is on one parcel of land. The plan includes fourteen (14) street lights to be located on the main boulevard entrance of Kirkridge. Director Kelley further stated the Board has a packet of information including the request letter from the Kirkridge Park Cooperative Board of Directors, the notice of public hearing, and a copy of Kirkridge Park Cooperative By-Laws. The initial capital outlay will be \$31,109.38 and is to be paid by Kirkridge Park Cooperative. The initial annual cost of \$6,713.54. Supervisor King reiterated the spreading of the roll would be solely on the Kirkridge Park Cooperative tax bill.

Board members made the following comments: The DTE Energy agreement states the trees in the boulevard need to be trimmed who would be responsible for trimming the trees? Director Kelley stated the tree trimming is only a recommendation and would maximize the lighting. The tree trimming would be the responsibility of Kirkridge Park Cooperative. A Kirkridge Park Cooperative Board Representative was asked if there was an official meeting held for the members of the Kirkridge Park Cooperative. The Kirkridge Park Cooperative Board representative stated yes the Kirkridge Park Cooperative Board did meet and this is the option they are interested in pursuing for new street lighting as part of the property being renovated.

A member of Kirkridge Park Cooperative inquired about the cost of the street lighting project and requested to review these documents. Supervisor King reviewed the street lighting cost and process and further suggested the resident meet with the Kirkridge Park Cooperative Board and further noted if the SAD is approved tonight there will be a second public hearing held to spread the roll.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

**MINUTES:** Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of April 30, 2007 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of April 30, 2007 as presented. Carried.

Clair moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2007 as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Cathy Horste, Van Buren Township Historian announced the publication of a Third Edition of the book *Water Under the Bridge* written by Cathy Horste and Diane Wilson. She ask the Board for assistance by making order forms available in the Clerk's Office, posting on the cable channel and the web page and printed in the Lake Ledger and the Board agreed to these requests. The books will be made available by pre-ordering and reserving a copy.

Service awards were given to the following employees Kristy Bovitz for 30 years of service, Laurie McIntosh for 20 years of service, Linda Combs and Mark Buckberry for 15 years of service, Bruce Ross, Christopher Yaglosky, Vernon Morse, Carol Towles and Kathleen Cline for 10 years of service and Scott Griggs for 5 years of service.

Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, July 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Melvindale Ice Arena located at 4300 South Dearborn Street. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

An email expressing appreciation to Police Officer Ryan McCormick, Fire Fighters Bill Gage, Jim Ferris and Eric Gavalier for their assistance during a recent medical emergency.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Hart moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-24 Western Wayne County Mutual Aid Agreement for the Police Division. Carried.

Clair moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-25 Western Wayne County Mutual Aid Agreement for the Fire Division. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-26 Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Budd moved, Hart seconded to accept the 2006 Audits from Plante & Moran. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the Special Use request to operate a drive-thru window as part of a new Taco Bell Restaurant on the west side of Belleville Road in front of the Wal-Mart Store and between McDonald's and Tim Horton's; noting as recommended by the Planning Commission the drive-thru is a twenty-four hour/seven day a week operation and drive-thru stacking was reduced from fifteen to twelve units. Carried.

Jahr moved, Clair seconded to approve the request by the Kirkridge Park Cooperative Board of Directors to establish a special assessment district for the purpose of purchasing, installing and maintaining streetlights in the Kirkridge Park Cooperative. Carried.

Clair moved, Hart seconded to approve permit application UT#5872598 M63107 07-412 by AT&T to install telecommunications infrastructure in the southern half of the Ecorse Road public road right of way. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the 2007 Fireworks permit application from the State of Michigan. Carried.

Budd moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-27 Downriver Capital Improvement Bond documents. Carried.

Clair moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the I.T. Support Services Contract between Van Buren Township and JEF Consultant, Inc.; and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract noting under #14 striking "or 2008" from the contract. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to allow Treasurer Budd to abstain from voting on New Business Item #8 "Consider approving bid for Van Buren Park Front Entrance Renovation Project from Best Asphalt, Inc.; and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract." Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the bid for Van Buren Park Front Entrance Renovation Project from Best Asphalt, Inc. at an amount not exceed \$532,995 with funds coming from the Wayne County Park Millage Grant; and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Hart moved, Clair seconded to approve the June 5, 2007 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor King ordered the April 2007 Public Safety Report received and filed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Recreation Department announced the following events: The 2007 fireworks display will be held on Saturday, June 23rd with a rain date of Sunday, June 24th at the Beck Road baseball fields at dusk. Also, on Friday, June 29th "Taking it to the Streets" a free recreational event from noon - 4:00 p.m. at Tyler Elementary School. For additional information contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Township Supervisor

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Sports in brief

Whaler update

Plymouth goalie and Brownstown native Jeremy Smith was named recipient of the USA Hockey's Dave Peterson Goaltender of the Year Award. Smith also shares the Ontario Hockey League's Dave Pinkney Award with fellow goaltender Michal Neuvirth. Smith and Neuvirth teamed up to lead the Ontario Hockey League with the fewest goals allowed in the league this year (173). Smith—the top-rated North American goaltender for this summer's National Hockey League Entry Draft (June 22-23 in Columbus)—compiled a 2.59 goals against average and .923 save percentage in 34 games this season.

Fan appreciation Day is set for June 16

Mark your calendar for this fun event. There will be sales at the Whalers Cove, Ginopolis on the Ice Meal and Movie Deals (drive-in movies begin at dusk), a Whalers Collectable Silent Auction, 2007-2008 Season Ticket Seat Selection Sale, Whalers player meet and greet, Whaler Summer Hockey School registration, open skating from 5-7:30 p.m., and a Radio Disney D-tour from 8-9 p.m.

McGinnis dealt to Oshawa

The Whalers have dealt veteran defenseman Ryan McGinnis

to Oshawa for a second round and fourth round draft choice in 2009. McGinnis had his best offensive season with Plymouth last year when he scored 6 goals with 24 assists for 30 points in 60 games.

Ignition update

The Detroit Ignition's traded their highest profile addition in their inaugural season this past year, goalkeeper Sanaldo to the California Cougars last week for the second overall pick in the 2007 Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) Expansion Draft. Sanaldo was Detroit's first overall selection in the 2006 MISL Expansion Draft and served as the club's primary net-minder during the 2006-07 campaign.

Sanaldo received All-MISL Second Team honors, stopping 325 of 451 shots faced and allowing 10.85 points per game over the course of the 2006-07 season.

Head Coach pens two-year extension

The Detroit Ignition and head coach Mark Pulisic have agreed to a two-year contract extension that will keep the Long Island native behind the team's bench through the 2008-09 season. Pulisic, who received Major Indoor Soccer League Coach of the Year honors during the 2006-07 season, led the Ignition to a League-best 18-12 record and an appearance in the MISL

Championship Series Final.

Ignition sponsors U11 team, camp, playground

The Detroit Ignition will officially sponsor the Canton U11 recreation team the Tidal Waves of the Canton Great Lakes League.

Greg Bibb, President of the Detroit Ignition, approved the Ignitions help to sponsor a children's soccer camp and a playground at Bentley School in Canton. Bentley Camp will take place August 6-10 from 9-3 p.m. For more information contact Val Myshok at 734-397-8041.

Girls' basketball camps

Salem and Canton girls' basketball coaching staffs led by Fred Thomann (Salem) and Brian Samulski (Canton) will host camps this month.

The 7th, 8th and 9th grade camp is scheduled for June 18-22 from 1-3 p.m. Seventh graders are at Salem with the other two grades at Canton. The 4th, 5th and 6th grade camps are scheduled for June 25-29 from 1-3 p.m. The fourth graders are designated to Salem and fifth and sixth graders at Canton.

The cost is \$70 per player, which will include a t-shirt and a basketball.

For more information call Community Education at 734-416-2937.



Whaler goalie Jeremy Smith was named the recipient of the USA Hockey's Dave Peterson Goaltender of the Year Award last week.

Photo by Walt Dmoch

Youth football instructional camp

Salem football, under the guidance of Coach Parker Salowich, will host a Youth Football Instructional Camp for players between the ages of 7-13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 14 on the grass fields behind Salem High School. The camp is intended for any athlete from the Canton Lions, Plymouth-Canton Steelers or OLCG regardless of where the athlete will attend high school. The Camp costs \$10 and participants will receive a t-shirt and a cer-

tificate of completion. For more information go to salemrocks-football@yahoo.com.

Michigan All-Star Showcase

Michigan All-Star Showcase will take place on July 2 and 3 at Fifth Third Ballpark, home of the West Michigan Whitecaps. The event is designed for all high school players (2007-2010 grads) that are interested in playing college baseball. There will be 12 Michigan colleges in attendance. The cost is \$215. For more information, call 616-635-0010 or go to gvsulakers.com.

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1. Obituaries



CARNEY-WISEMAN, Mable Elaine, age 63, died May 26, 2007. Elaine was n't a selfish person, she would give you her all. She lived a happy life. Elaine leaves to cherish her loving memory her daughters, LaTonya (Aquino) Burstn of Belleville, MI and Tammy Wiseman of Canton, MI; sis grandchildren, Tiffany Wiseman, Terrica Jackson, Tyresha and Tyreack Martin, Harold Beachem, Jr. and Elaina Wiseman; four great grandchildren, Deon and Davieon Pitchford, Taliyah Jackson, and Messiah Scott; one loving and devoted sister, Dianne Carney; a loving brother, James "Melvin" Carney; aunt Rose Ballard; a special niece and

nephew Dakia "Kiki" Carney and Thomas "Bob" Harris and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Pastor Joseph Stephens officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



CLARK, Mildred, age 63, died May 25, 2007. She leaves to cherish her memories, her mother, Beatrice Tyus of Inkster, MI; sisters, Zettie (Garfield) Johnson and Eliza Lawless of Inkster, MI, and Renae D. Tyus of Harper Woods, MI; brothers, Pernell (Beatrice) Tyus of Bain Bridge, WA, Harry Tyus of Ypsilanti, MI and Jack Tyus of Inkster, MI; aunts, Ruby (Chris) Gillyard of Ypsilanti, MI,

Lillian Davidson and Lois Tyus of Verbena, AL, and Minnie Tyus of Inkster, MI. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at First Baptist World Changers International Ministries with Rev. Lennell D. Caldwell officiating. Interment was at Metropolitan Memorial Gardens, Belleville, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



CRAIG, Caren Andrea, age 45, died May 28, 2007. She leaves to cherish her life and her love are; her daughter, Danielle; mother, Mamie (Jack) Woods; stepmother, Evelyn Craig; sisters, Clarissa (Ronald) Shelby, Celeste (Greg) McCain, Tamica Woods, Alicia

Craig, Altonia (Larry) McCain; brother, Carl (Carla) Marable; grandchildren, precious Alyssa and Jarrell; grandmother, Addie Fletcher; aunt, Drella "Billie" Butts; uncle Terry (Lovey) Craig; Essie Webb, mother at heart, and many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Hardy Johnson Sr. officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



LONG, Fannie Rosie, age 89, died May 24, 2007. Fannie died peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. She leaves to cherish her memory, 7 children, 3 sons-in-law, 1 daughter-in-law, 2 sisters-in-law, 19 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, 1

great-great grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral services were held at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with Ronald Woodson officiating. Interment was at Metropolitan Memorial Garden. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

MACH, Richard, "Dick" June 5, 2007 age 65 of Taylor. Beloved father of Timothy (Robin) and Michele Karankiewicz. Loving son of the late Dick and Gerry. Brother of Ronald (Cindy), Dennis Mach and Sharon White. Grandfather of Christian, Dylan Mach and Connor Karankiewicz. Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with Pastor Bob McDonald officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com.



MCBRIDE, Laura E. Gardner, age 90, died May 26, 2007. Laura was mother to eight daughters, Jamesetta (Jonathan) Tiaa, Elizabeth, Ruth (Samuel) Martin, Martha, Tenny and Mary, (Helen and Ethen are deceased); eleven sons, Charles, George, Isaac, Solomon, Wilson, William, Andrew, Edward and James Harvey (Debra), (Glenn and Vincent are deceased). She had 36 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by sisters, Gertrude, Mary and Frances, and brothers, Paul and Charles. Laura leaves a host of nieces, nephews and many friends from Liberia, West Africa, Canada and the U.S. to mourn her death. Funeral services were held at New Hope Baptist Church with Dr. Virgil Humes officiating.

Interment was at Sunset Hill Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



NORTON, Herman Gerald "Uncle Hunchie", age 72, died May 29, 2007. In Herman's passing, he leaves to cherish his memory a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. He also leaves a special friend, Orlean Lawrence. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Hardy Johnson officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



PASCHKE, Donald R. June 8, 2007, age 85 of Wayne. Beloved husband of Bernice. Dear father of Steven (Cathy). Loving grandfather of Kelly (Phillip) Mikulski and Sarah Paschke. Great Grandfather of Emily and Andrew Mikulski. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mr. Paschke served his country as a Naval Officer in the Pacific during WWII and was a teacher and principal for 33 years at many schools in the Wayne Westland School system. A Memorial Gathering will be held Friday, June 22, 2007 from 1 - 3 pm at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland, MI. Memorials would be appreciated to the American Lung Association or Alzheimers Association. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)

SKIDMORE, Michael L. June 10, 2007 age 55 of Westland. Retired from Nagle Paving. Beloved husband of Colleen. Dear father of Ronald J. (Candy) Denton, Jason (Chandra) Denton and Jason (Tina) Goad. Brother of William, James Clay, Jr., Andrew, Nan Bailey, Betty Carter, Linda Lawson and Suzanne James. Grandfather of Macey Denton and one more Granddaughter on the way. Funeral 1 pm Friday, June 15, 2007 at the Uht Funeral Home with Fr. Jack Baker officiating. Family will receive friends Thursday 12 - 9 pm. nterment Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery West. Family requests memorials to Angela Hospice or Michigan Cancer Foundation. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)

VAN POPERING, Maryann, age 57 Of Westland, died June 6, 2007. Beloved wife of Richard. Dear mother of Bryan (Sarah) and Matthew. Loving grandmother of Zachary and Joshua. Services were held Saturday, June 9, 2007 at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with burial at Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery, Flat Rock, MI. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)

HALL, Pamela R. (formerly Pamela Leverenz, Nee: Schukofsky), age 47, died June 9, 2007. Beloved wife of Richard. Dear mother of Jean (Steve) Barber, Kelly (Joshua) Winters. Dearest grandmother of Tyler, Josephine and Gracie. Loving daughter of Don and the late Royce. Devoted sister of Barbara Bruce and Sherree Smith. A memorial service was held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne, MI with Rev. David Furno

officiating. Please send the family a memorial message at: [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com).

THOMPSON, Beatrice I., age 99 of Belleville (formerly of Romulus), passed away June 7, 2007. Grandmother of Michael (Deborah) Thompson of Canton and Debra (Charles) Cabana of Stockbridge. Great Grandmother of Michael (Holly) Cabana, Chris (Andrea) Cabana, Casey (Suzanne) Cabana, Danielle, Courtney and Chelsea Thompson. Great-Great Grandmother of Gracie, Abrie, Benjamin, Kylie, Cole, Joseph and Kendall. Mother-in-law of Patricia Thompson. Beatrice was predeceased by her Husband, Thelbert and Son William Thompson. Beatrice was a teacher in the Romulus Public School system. Services were held at Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, MI. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery. Memorials to Community United Methodist Church. Final arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home.

5. Announcements



Congratulations Chase Wayne Memorial HS Graduate 2007 We love you: Dad, Trish, Cyndi, Kirstin and Karli

Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Wayne Memorial HS Band June 22 4pm-7pm Wayne Masonic Lodge #112 37137 Palmer Rd. Westland, MI For additional info Call: 734-890-1250

30. Help Wanted

CUSTODIAN Testing and interview required. General knowledge of custodial duties. Mechanical ability

Posting closes: June 19, 2007

Apply online at: <http://www.wwcsd.net> or in person at: Wayne-Westland Community Schools 36745 Marquette Westland, MI 48185 EOE

DIRECT CARE STAFF Need caring individual to work with a quadriplegic male with daily personal assistance and domestic needs. Must have experience working with people with developmental disabilities and/or people with assistance needs. Heavy lifting required. Must be 18 years old, have a valid Michigan driver's license, high school diploma or GED and pass a criminal record check. Call 734-595-0290

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31. Sales Help Wanted

ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED The Journal Newspapers has immediate openings for sales representatives to serve our circulation area. Candidates must have reliable transportation and a willing attitude. Base plus commission. Newspaper or media sales experience preferred, but will train the right candidate. Please send resume detailing experience and availability to:

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34. Specialized Services

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40. Business Opportunity

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44. Music Lessons

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58. Garage and Yard Sales

GARAGE SALE 4957 Moore St. Wayne June 15 thru 17 9:00 - 5:00

Garage/Moving Sale 4336 Evans, Wayne June 16 8am-5pm Furniture, computers video games & much more

INKSTER GARAGE SALE 1152 Meadowbrook (E of John Daly S of Avondale) Fri. 6/15 & Sat. 6/17 8:00am - 5:00pm Miter Saw, Table Saw Hand/power tools Computer accessories Electronics, kitchen goods

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE 34842 Harroun, Wayne June 14, 15 & 16 10:00AM - 4:00PM Furniture, clothes, Toys, knick-knacks

WESTLAND MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE 38257 N. Rickham (Bet. Hix & Newburgh S. of Cherry Hill N. of Palmer) June 15 & 16 9:00am - 5:00pm 734-326-1250 Something for Everyone

YARD SALE 23771 Sherwood Belleville/Sumpter Twp. 2MI S. of Willis 1MI E. of Rawsonville

June 15, 16 & 17 10:00am - 6:00pm

Discounted/discontinued Home Interiors products, toys and clothes for a 4 year old boy, household items, puzzles and much more

YARD SALE 34446 Harroun, Wayne June 14, 15 & 16 9:00AM - 4:00PM Household items, toys, children's clothes, wall hangings, quilting books and material

59. Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION June 24, 2007, 10:00AM Fort Knox Self Storage 39205 Ford Rd., Westland (734) 981-0700 [www.fortknoxmi.com](http://www.fortknoxmi.com)

In accordance with Michigan law, Fort Knox Self Storage will sell to the highest bidder, the entire contents of each of the following storage units. All units contain common household goods unless otherwise noted.

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Romulus Police abandoned vehicle public auction on June 27, 2007 at 11:00AM at: J & M Towing 8964 Inkster Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

1999 Chevrolet 2G1WL52M1X9240181

1994 Ford 1FMDV34X5RVD86169

Stoughton 170614

1991 Oldsmobile 1G3BP83E4MN302713

1988 Mercury 1MEBM6044JH658702

1996 Ford 1FMDU34X1TUD14974

1991 Chevrolet 2G1WN54T1M9159854

1996 Chrysler 4C3AU42N1TE426668

1990 Ford 1ZVPT20C3L5162463

1984 Cadillac 1G6AW6983E9151628

AUTO AUCTION J & T Crova Towing 36573 Grant St. Romulus, MI 48174 (734) 941-0221 Wed., June 27, 2007 9:00AM

1991 Ford Van 1FMWW11Y7MHA17382

1993 Ford Tempo 2Dr 1FAPP31X3PK226321

1996 Ford Taurus 4Dr 1FALP52UXTG117933

1992 Chevy Lumina 4Dr 2G1WN54T1N9115211

1994 Chevy Cavalier 4Dr 1G1JC5441R7347937

1994 Dodge Van 2B4GH45R1RR758113

1989 Buick Regal 2Dr 2G4WD14T6K1478287

1987 Ford F150 2FTDF15Y3HCA85120

1979 Ford F350 F37JUEA5396

1994 Saturn Wagon 1G8ZH8592RZ243477

1997 Chevy Pick Up 1GCEK19R1VE202346

These vehicles were towed by Romulus Police.

On June 26, 2007, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2001 Chevrolet 2Dr 2G1WW15E219337658 07-6372

1993 Jeep 4Dr 1J4FJ78S1PL603757 07-6476

1989 Buick 4Dr 1G4CU54C3K1674283 07-6758

1993 Pontiac 4Dr 1G2NE5437PM528098 07-7369

1995 Plymouth ST 2P4GH2531SR400255 07-8757

1994 Ford ST 1FMDU34X2RUD62394 07-8863

Upon completion, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and Storage, 42350 Van Born Rd., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1997 Saturn 4Dr 1G8ZH5285VZ374911 07-7102

1997 BMW 2Dr WBABG2322VET33384 07-7252

2003 Pontiac 4Dr 1G2NW52E33C240192 07-7597

1999 Chevrolet TK 1GBJK34J9XF055626 07-7597A

1994 Ford 4Dr 1FAPP36XXRK153539 07-8217

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